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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: SHEET FEEDER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Thirty-Six (36) pages
- Eight (8) sheet(s) formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority



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Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-239680 and 2002-239685 filed in JAPAN on August 20, 2002.

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Executed Declaration (Original Photocopy)

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

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